NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.06 E, Closed Area No. 24, East Boothbay to Reeds Island, promulgated on November 9, 1989, is repealed and replaced with the following rule:

TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 95.06 E, Closed Area No. 24, The Damariscotta River from Reeds Island to Meadow Cove, Boothbay.

1. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters westerly of a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Dry Point (Reeds Island), Boothbay, and running northeasterly (about 1.5 miles) to the most western prominence on Foster Point, South Bristol, then running northerly (about 1.4 miles) to the southern tip of Jones Point, South Bristol, then running northerly along the western shore of Jones Point (for about 400 yards) to a red post, then running northwesterly (about 0.85 miles) to a red post located on the northwestern shore of Meadow Cove, Boothbay. This last post is about 300 yards southeast of the south end of Gall Rock.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 27, 1993

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.06 E, Closed Area No. 24, East Boothbay to Reeds Island, promulgated on November 9, 1989, and replaces it with a new rule. This new rule enlarges the previous closure to include Meadow Cove. Meadow Cove lies about 1/2 mile northwest of the Village of East Boothbay on the western shore of the Damariscotta River.

Department personnel have determined that there is a licensed overboard waste water discharge in this cove. The probability of malfunction of this system poses a threat to the public health and consequently the harvest of clams, mussels, oysters and quahogs is prohibited in the cove area. The remaining portion of the closed area has many waste discharges as well as portions that are subject to intermittent pollution. These factors require prohibition of shellfish harvest to protect the public health.

Deputy Commissioner



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Legal Notice of Shellfish Closure Area

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